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  1. REF A REQUESTED EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IN-COUNTRY SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND QUERIED WHETHER THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENTWOULD AGREE TO THE OPERATION OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION. REF A ALSO REQUESTED EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THENUMBER OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT RESIDUAL SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS.
- 2. IN REF B, THE EMBASSY INDICATED IT WOULD COMMENT IN THIS MESSAGE UPON THE PROPOSED FY-79 JOINT MANPOWER PROGRAM JTD FOR A 6-OFFICER/2-CIVILIAN/3-LOCAL CONFIGURED OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION (ODC)

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(INCLUDING TORPEDOS AND MISSILES), TRAINING AIDS AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEMS IN THE PIPELINE. WHILE THERE IS NO FIRM INDICATION OF DELIVERY DATES, WE ANTICIPATE MOST OF THE CASES WILL BE TERMINATED BY 1980 WITH THE REMAINDER CONTINUING THROUGH FY-83. OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSION WOULD BE THAT A PEIPELINE OF THIS MAGNITUDE NEED NOT INVOLVE A MAJOR CONTINUING SECURITY ASSISTANCE EFFORT.

4. IT IS UNCLEAR TO US WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, A SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP WOULD HAVE IN SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN SERVICES AND US MANUFACTURERS. BY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESIDENT'S ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP WOULD BE ENJOINED FROM STIMULATING SALES (REF F, CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 03 BRASIL 03814 01 OF 03 121201Z PARA 8). IF. HOWEVER, WE ANTICIPATE A ROLE IN SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL MILITARY ITEM TRANSACTIONS, THIS MAY BECOME A MAJOR FUNCTION FOR THE GROUP AFTER THE END OF FY-78 WHEN BRAZIL IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE INCLUDING CASH SALES. 5. WE BELIEVE TWO POTENTIAL BRAZILIAN ASSETS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE HAVE NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY UTILIZED: (A) THE BRAZILIAN PURCHASING COMMISSIONS IN WASHINGTON (BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT 25 MEN) AND (B) BRAZILIAN MILITARY ATTACHES IN THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS COULD ASSUME MANY OF THE 'POST OFFICE" FUNCTIONS THAT JBUSMC BY ITS SIZE AND PRESENCE HAD ASSUMED IN THE PAST IN ADDITION TO ELEMENTS OF, IF NOT ALL, OF THE FUNCTINS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3B. REF A AND REF F. GREATER UTILIZATION OF THE PURCHASING COMMISSION AND ATTACHES WOULD BE MORE IN KEEPING WITH OUR INTENT THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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MANAGE THEIR OWN PROGRAM TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE

(REF F, PARA 6A). IN SUM, THE GOB HAS PERSONNEL

IN THE US TO PARTIALLY SERVE A SECURITY ASSISTANCE

MANAGEMENT FUNCTION AND THEY ARE AT PRESENT NOT

FULLY UTILIZED.

IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDES THAT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE RESIDUAL FMS PROGRAM IN BRAZIL AS DESCRIBED ABOVE REQUIRE A SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP IN BRAZIL. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TO LOCATE SUCH A GROUP IN THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE AS PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 515(C) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AMENDED. WE NOTE THAT IN 26 COUNTRIES. AMONG THEM ISRAEL. UK. LEBANON. AUSTRALIA. WHERE THERE ARE MAJOR BILATERAL MILITARY COOPERATION VENTURES AND FMS PROGRAMS. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE SUPERVISES AND HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS. WE WOULD ESTIMATE THAT THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3. REF A. COULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THREE 0-3 TO 0-5 (CAPTAIN TO LT. COL) LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY THROUGH FY-1980 WITH AN ON-GOING PRESENCE CONFIDENTIAL

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DETERMINED BY THE LEVEL OF RESIDUAL CASES AFTER FY1980.

THE GROUP WOULD REQUIRE ONE CLERK TYPIST; OTHER SUPPORT COULD BE FURNISHED BY THE EMBASSY. FOR HIGHLY TECHNICAL OR SPECIALIZED PROBLEMS, THIS SMALL COMPLEMENT MIGHT BE SUPPORTED AS REQUIRED BY SENDING TEMPORARY DUTY PERSONNEL TDY FROM CONUS OR OTHER COMMANDS TO BRAZIL FOR LIMITED DURATION.

7. THIS IS A LOWER STAFFING ESTIMATE THAN THAT PROVIDED BY CHAIRMAN USDEL JBUSMC IN RESPONSE TO USCINCSO'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSED STAFFING FOR AN ODC (REF D); IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A WE HAVE TRIED TO TAILOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS CLOSELY TO ANTICIPATED RESIDUAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE NEEDS.

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8. THE BRAZILIAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE STAFFS WILL
HAVE COMPLETELY MOVED TO BRASILIA BY AUGUST 1978.
WE FAVOR LOCATING THE ENTIRE GROUP IN THE EMBASSY IN
BRASILIA RATHER THAN ALL OR PART IN RIO. WE RECOGNIZE
THAT THE NAVAL OFFICER ASSIGNED WILL REQUIRE OFFICE
SPACE IN THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN RIO AND CONSIDERABLE
TRAVEL, BUT WITH EMFA AND THE THREE SERVICES MINISTRIES
NOW LOCATED IN BRASILIA, WE BELIEVE THE ENTIRE STAFF
SHOULD BE CCLOCATED WITH THE DAO IN BRASILIA.
9. OBVIOUSLY THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP,
WHILE NOMINALLY UNDER THE DEFENSE ATTACHE, WOULD HAVE NO
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS AND WOULD BE DESCRIBED
TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT AS ASS'T SERVICE ATTACHES WITH
RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT
FUNCTIONS.

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PAGE 03 BRASIL 03814 02 OF 03 121220Z 10. IN TERMS OF COMMAND RELATIONSHIP WE PREFER THAT EACH SERVICE SECTION REPRESENTATIVE, WHILE RESPONSIVE TO THE SEPARATE SERVICES, JCS, AND DSAA, AT POST REPORT TO THE AMBASSADO THROUGH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE.

11. THE GOB OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING AN ON-GOING SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP IS NOT CLEAR. STATEMENTS BY THE BRAZILIAN CNO (REF C) AND BY THE COMMANDER OF THE BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE SUPPORT COMMAND (REF D) HAVE INDICATED THAT BOTH THE NAVY AND AN IMPORTANT AIR FORCE ELEMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME SORT OF ON-GOING MILITARY COOPERATION TO ASSURE THAT THE RESIDUAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS CONTINUE. THE ARMY, HOWEVER, HAS NOT INDICATED ITS POSITION ALTHOUGH AN ARMY SOURCE (REF E) INDICATED MILITARY MISSIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOB AND THAT THE GOB PREFERS TO DEAL THROUGH THE SERVICE ATTACHES. AT THIS JUNCTURE, WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS FOCUSED ON THE QUESTION OF ON-GOING MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE US.

12. IF WASHINGTON CNCURS, WE PROPOSE TO APPROACH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND, SIMULTANEOUSLY, EMFA, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, INDICATE WE HAVE HAD SOUNDINGS FROM TWO SERVICES ABOUT CONTINUED COOPERATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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P R 112043Z MAY 78 FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7486 INFO SECDEF WASHDC JCS WASHDC USCINCSO QUARRY HTS CZ CHMN USDEL JBUSMC RIO DE JANEIRO CONFIDENTIAL SECTION 3 OF 3 BRASILIA 3814 DESCRIBE THE KINDS OF FUNCTIONS A SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP IN THE ATTACHE OFFICE WOULD PERFORM AND GIVE THE GOB AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACT. 13. IN EXPLAINING THE FUNCTION OF A SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP TO ITAMARATY, WE WILL NEED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE CREATION OF SUCH A GROUP WILL IN NO WAY REQUIRE A HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. WE NOTE. HOWEVER. IN REF A THAT AN ODC IS INCLUDED IN THE FY-79 CPD AND WE WONDER IF IT IS LIKELY THIS WILL LEAD TO A CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON BRAZIL (WHICH WOULD OF COURSE RENDER ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENT UNACCEPTABLE TO THE GOB). 14. CHAIRMAN, U.S. DELEGATION, JBUSMC DOES NOT CONCUR IN THIS PROPOSAL BUT PREFERS THE LARGER ODC STAFFING RECOMMENDED IN REF B. HE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING COMMENT: A. I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE RESIDUAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS IN BRAZIL. BASED

ON MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT EXPER-IENCE IN THAT AREA I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SIZE OR

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BRASIL 03814 03 OF 03 121223Z PAGE 02 CONCEPT OF THE PROPOSED MANAGEMENT ELEMENT CAN EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT THE ROLES AND ACTIVITIES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE IN REF F. ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE NECESSARY FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH MAP EQUIPMENT, MANAGEMENT OF FMS CASES. PIPELINE ACTIVITIES AND MONITORING SECURITY ASSISTANCE ITEMS AND SERVICES TO AN ACCEPTABLE DEGREE, WILL REQUIRE. AS A MINIMUM. THE LEVEL RECOMMENDED IN REF B.

B. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROPOSED CONCEPT DOES NOT PROVIDE THE CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION WITH A SENIOR EXPERIENCED ADVISOR IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF INTEREST; SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS WILL LIKELY BE ACCORDED A PRIORITY SECONDARY TO NORMAL DAO FUNCTIONS; DAO PERSONNEL WILL NOT LIKELY BE GRANTED THE FREEDOM OF ACTION CURRENTLY ENJOYED BY CONFIDENTIAL

PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS,
WITH A RESULTANT LOSS IN EFFECTIVENESS.
C. IT IS REASONABLE TO LOOK TO THE BRAZILIAN
PURCHASING COMMISSIONS AND THE ATTACHES FOR INCREASED
RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FIELD OF FMS MANAGEMENT.
HOWEVER, IT IS MY EXPERIENCE THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY
ARE FAIRLY COMPETENT IN PROCUREMENT MATTERS, MANAGEMENT
OF THE OVERALL PROGRAM IS POOR AND WILL NOT IMPROVE IN
THE NEAR FUTURE. IN THE MEANTIME, THEY WILL CONTINUE
TO DEPEND LARGELY ON QUALIFIED U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL
TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. END COMMENT.
15. DEPT PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR SAYRE.
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